CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS CASE NO. 19-md-02913-WHO

1 The Court granted final approval of the Class Action Settlements with JLI and Altria. Dkts. 2 4138, 4212. After Class Counsel and the Settlement Administrator, Epiq, completed the claims review process, the Court authorized distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to 842,004 valid claimants. Dkt. 3 4326. Epiq began distributing funds on October 18, 2024, but some payments remain pending and 4 5 require additional action by the claimant to complete. To maximize the number of valid claimants who can be successfully contacted to complete payment distribution, the Court approves and directs Epiq to 6 7 contact claimants via text message if necessary to follow up with them about their payments. 8 Regarding settlement administration expenses, the Court approves the \$129,900.22 in costs 9 above the pre-approved amount reflected in the October 2024 invoices submitted by Class Counsel. Consistent with the Court's previous direction, Class Counsel shall seek approval for additional costs 10 11 with supporting documentation. 12 13 14 IT IS SO ORDERED. 15 16 17 Dated: Honorable Judge William H. Orrick III 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28